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PRESS RELEASE

Twelve Department of Correction Employees Deploying to Iraq

The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) will be sending a dozen employees to serve in Iraq when the Delaware National Guard's 153rd Military Police Company deploys from Delaware City on Monday, June 18.

The DOC group is a part of almost 150 citizen-soldiers being called to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to serve as part of President Bush's 'surge' plan. Their active duty tour is scheduled to start June 18, and the tour is expected to last 12 months from that date.

The twelve DOC employees are:

Sidney J. Baker Jr., Correctional Officer, Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI)
Jacob C. Connor, Correctional Officer, Sussex Community Corrections
Michael D. Fields, Jr., Correctional Officer, HRYCI
John C. French III, Probation & Parole Officer, New Castle
Matthew J. Gladding, Probation & Parole Officer, Georgetown
Andre D. Johnson, Food Service Specialist, Delaware Correctional Center (DCC)
Alex Lapinsky, Trainer/Educator, Employee Development Center
Roger D. McCall II, Correctional Officer, HRYCI
Donald L. Powell, Jr., Correctional Officer, Women's Treatment Center
Scott H. Smoot, Jr., Correctional Officer, DCC
Mark T. Stepaniak, Probation & Parole Officer, Wilmington
Ramon A. Taylor, Correctional Lieutenant, DCC